



Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
HEALTH ALERT NETWORK
Update



TO: Healthcare Providers, Infection Control, Hospitals, Labs, and Public Health

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RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Fees
DATE: March 8, 2021

On February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated their “CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement Requirements.” These **requirements regarding administration fees must be followed** by all CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program organizations and providers. Additional details regarding the Vaccination Program and support can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/vaccination-provider-support.html>

All organizations and providers participating in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program:

- **must** administer COVID-19 Vaccine at no out-of-pocket cost to the recipient
- may **not** deny anyone vaccination based on the vaccine recipient’s coverage status or network status
- may **not** charge an office visit or other fee if COVID-19 vaccination is the sole medical service provided
- may **not** require additional medical services to receive COVID-19 vaccination
- **may** seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or plan that covers COVID-19 Vaccine administration fees for the vaccine recipient, such as:
 - vaccine recipient’s private insurance company
 - Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement
 - HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program for non-insured vaccine recipients
- may **not** seek any reimbursement, including through balance billing, from the vaccine recipient

For additional information on filing claims for reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccine administration fees, go to:

- HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program – <https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim>
- CMS Guidance – <https://www.cms.gov/covidvax-provider>